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1. A handheld remote instruction device for a computer-based visual presentation system, comprising:

a housing;

5 a light emitting module mounted on said housing and including a light emitting element and a control switch for controlling light emitting activity of said light emitting element;

10 a keypad disposed on said housing and including a set of keys, said keys including a cursor control key, a first function key, a second function key, and a mode switching key;

a control unit mounted in said housing and connected to said light emitting module and said keypad;

15 a wireless signal transmitter mounted in said housing and connected to said control unit, said control unit enabling said wireless signal transmitter to transmit a corresponding control signal in response to pressing of one of said keys of said keypad; and

20 a wireless signal receiver adapted to be connected to the visual presentation system and operable so as to receive the control signal transmitted by said wireless signal transmitter and so as to provide the control signal to the visual presentation system;

25 wherein said mode switching key is operable so as to control operation of said control unit in a selected one of first and second key defining modes;

wherein said control unit enables said signal transmitter to transmit a first control signal when said first function key is pressed while said control unit is operated in the first key defining mode, to transmit 5 a second control signal when said second function key is pressed while said control unit is operated in the first key defining mode, to transmit a third control signal when said first function key is pressed while said control unit is operated in the second key defining mode, and to transmit a fourth control signal when said second function key is pressed while said control unit 10 is operated in the second key defining mode;

wherein one of the first and second control signals is associated with a Click/Select command for the visual 15 presentation system, and the other of the first and second control signals is associated with a Context Menu/Alternate Select command for the visual presentation system; and

wherein one of the third and fourth control signals is associated with a Page Down command for the visual presentation system, and the other of the third and fourth control signals is associated with a Page Up command 20 for the visual presentation system.